

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

This is a deliberate attempt to influence the elections by airing an untrue, extremely biased and purposefully hateful message against a truly Patriotic and Noble citizen.

This type of propaganda, masquerading as news must be eliminated as it typifies the Nazi-like, Fascistic statements promoted by Hitler and his henchmen.

Thank you.  
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